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SUBJECT: POPLAR RIVER PROJECT

1. ON OCTOBER 21 MERKLINGER OF CANADIAN EMBASSY, ACCOMPAN-
IED BY REJHON, CALLED ON EUR/CAN REGARDING POPLAR RIVER
GENERATING STATION.

2. DATA EXCHANGE: MERKLINGER REVIEWED ARRANGEMENTS ESTAB-
LISHED IN JULY 1976 FOR AN EXCHANGE OF DATA COVERING PRO-
JECT. ROUSE INDICATED THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DATA
RELATING TO COAL AND OVERBURDEN SAMPLES, DATA EXCHANGE HAD
BEEN SATISFACTORY, IF OCCASIONALLY SLOW. WE REPEATED OUR
CONCERNS REGARDING UNAVAILABILITY OF DATA TO ENABLE US
INDEPENDENTLY TO VERIFY CANADIAN CLAIMS REGARDING THE COM-
POSITION OF THE COAL WHICH WE HAD REQUESTED EITHER IN THE FORM
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OF MINE SAMPLES OR RESIDUES FROM THE 1975 CANADIAN TEST
BURN. MERKLINGER NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THESE MATERIALS WERE
NO LONGER AVAILABLE, EMR PLANNED TO CONDUCT ANOTHER TEST
BURN UTILIZING COAL SAMPLES FROM A FIELD IN MONTANA OF A
CHEMICAL COMPOSITION SIMILAR TO THE POPLAR RIVER COAL. RE-
SULTS OF THIS TEST WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE HOPEFULLY BY MID
DECEMBER TO STATE FOR EXAMINATION BY EPA.

3. POPLAR MEETING: MERKLINGER PRESENTED A LETTER SUGGESTING MID TO LATE JANUARY MEETING TO REVIEW POPLAR RIVER DATA EXCHANGE AND AIR QUALITY ASPECTS OF PROJECT. WE CONCURRED IN MEETING IDEA AND SUGGESTED MIGHT WISH TO BROADEN AGENDA SO AS TO REVIEW ENTIRE RANGE OF IMPACTS EXPECTED FROM SECOND UNIT.

4. SECOND UNIT LICENSE APPLICATION: MERKLINGER INDICATED THAT SPC HAD NOT YET APPLIED FOR A PROVINCIAL LICENSE TO CONSTRUCT SECOND 300 MEGAWATT UNIT. DRAWING UPON AMBASSADOR ENDERS' DISCUSSIONS WITH SPC GENERAL MANAGER URSEL, WE SAID WE UNDERSTOOD COMPANY PLANNED TO APPLY EARLY SPRING AND WE WOULD WANT DISCUSSION OF SECOND UNIT IMPACTS TO TAKE PLACE WELL BEFORE. MERKLINGER AGREED, INDICATING THAT LICENSE APPLICATION WAS NOT A PROFORMA MATTER BUT WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE SCRUTINY.

5. AIR QUALITY IMPACTS ANALYSIS: WE ARE CONTINUING TO EVALUATE THE SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN OTTAWA 9693 AND ARE HAVING A TECHNICAL SUMMARY, BASED ON COMPUTER MODELING, OF THE LIKELY IMPACTS OF THE SECOND UNIT OF THE PROJECT PREPARED BY EPA. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION BY AN INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP, WE WILL BE IN A POSITION BETTER TO RESPOND TO THE EMBASSY'S PROPOSALS. OUR PRESENT THINKING IS TO PUT FORWARD SUBSTANTIVE U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITION DURING JANUARY BILATERAL MEETING. VANCE

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